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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Patrick L. Meehan and Montgomery County District Attorney Bruce Castor today announced the filing of a three-count indictment¹ charging Kenneth Williams, Jr. with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, possession of a firearm in furtherance of drug trafficking, and possession with intent to distribute more than 5 grams of crack cocaine. The indictment alleges that on August 27, 2004, Williams possessed a Taurus, .44 caliber revolver, a Taurus, .357 caliber Magnum, and approximately 20 grams of crack cocaine.

This indictment is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods, an initiative by the United States Attorney's Office, Montgomery County District Attorney's Office, The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to identify and prosecute firearms offenders in federal court, where the defendants are likely to receive a substantial sentence upon conviction. If convicted, Williams faces a maximum sentence of life imprisonment, a 15 year mandatory minimum sentence, 8 years up to lifetime supervised release, a \$ 4.5 million fine, and a \$300 special assessment.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR DATE OF BIRTH
KENNETH WILLIAMS, JR	Pottstown, PA	26

This case has been assigned to Special Assistant United States Attorney Todd Stephens.

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